

LOUISIANA D.A.R.E. TRAINING CENTER

The Training Center is housed at the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. A part-time Director, the D.A.R.E. Analyst and the D.A.R.E. Coordinator (who are both fulltime) as well as several contract employees that serve as educators, mentors, and monitors currently staff the Training Center. The Training Center plans several In-Service opportunities in the spring and fall to keep the certified officers current on drug trends and teaching methods. The Training Center also plans a minimum of one, but possibly two 80-hour D.A.R.E. Officers Trainings (DOT) each state fiscal year. A DOT will occur the last two weeks in August every year if the Training Center has received and approved a minimum of 20 qualified applicants. In years with a high number of Sheriffs running for re-election or if there was a high number of applicants turned away for the August DOT, a second training will be scheduled for January.

The Training Center are tasked with compiling and reporting each officers' in-service hours for the calendar year, Elementary and Junior High Written Agreements, officers' schedules for Visitations, Core, and Junior High classroom schedules, and the quantifying the submission of Pre- and Post-Tests, as well as keeping an accurate record of the submitted tests. The Training Center staff and contractors also go into the classrooms to monitor D.A.R.E. Officers in action at least once every three years.

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